various financial institutions;

(b) what steps are proposed to ensure that personal property and savings are not seized by financial institutions from technocrats and entrepreneurs whose units have failed;

(c) what measures Government propose to take to give some relief to such entrepreneurs and technocrats; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (d) The assistance to technocrat entrepreneurs is provided with lower promoters' contribution *i.e.* at 17.5 per cent as against normal 22.5 per cent and in case there is any gap in promoters' contribution or equity, seed capital assistance in the form of soft loan is extended in eligible cases. Special attention is given during implementation and post-implementation stages. If such projects run into difficulties or show signs of sickness, need-based reliefs/concessions are given for rehabilitation. Only as a last resort, when all other measures for recovery of their dues fail, the SFCs invoke Section 29,31 and 32G of SFCs' Act (which is a Central Act). The units taken over by these institutions are handed over to the original promoter when there is one time settlement or agreement for rescheduling of the institutional dues. In case the original promoters do not settle the overdues to the Corporation, the assets are acquired by these Corporations and sold in public auctions and the proceeds realised thereof are adjusted against the dues of the institutions. In case there is still shortfall in the assets, the institutions would fall back on the collateral securities offered by the borrowing units.

Growth centres for Small Scale Industries

3165. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to develop 16 mili-growth centres for smal scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what functions they are proposed to discharge and by when these centres would begin operating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) A draft Scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development (Including technological back-up services) for small scale industries in rural and backward areas has been prepared and included in the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) proposals in pursuance of policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises announced on 6th August, 1991. The draft Scheme is under finalisation in consultation with the concerned authorities in the Centre and State/U.T. Governments.

Phased manufacturing programme

3166. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abolished the phased manufacturing programme;

(b) what are the incentives that are available to manufacturing units with existing phased manufacturing Programme; and

(c) whether the incentives would continue even after the abolition of Phased Manufacturing Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Under the new Industrial Policy, the system of Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) will not be applicable to new projects. However, existing projects with

such programmes will continue to be governed by them.

(b) and (c) The units covered by the Phased Manufacturing Programme continue to get import-duty concessions in terms of the applicable custom notifications in force for manufacture of goods in accordance with suh manfacturing programme.

Effect of import compression measures on industry

3167. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the over all effect of the import compression measures on the industry initiated in 1990-91 and continued during the current year; and

(b) whether Government propose to continue these measures and for how long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The shortage of imported raw material, components, spares and capital goods, as a result of import compression measures, contributed among other factors, to a declaration in industrial growth rate.

(b) Since February, 1992, the requirement of cash margin for imports and the levy of surcharge of 25 per cent on the rate of interest charged on import finance by Banks have been withdrawn. Besides, with the elimination of system of Import Licensing and the provision for import of most of industrial inputs and capital goods without any restriction except for a small Negative List of Items, as per Export & Import Policy, 1992-97, the cut and restrictions on imports imposed earlier, have also been lifted.

Production of Cement

3168. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of cement for the year ended 31st March, 1992;

(b) what was the production in private and public sectors during this period;

(c) what is the trend of cement prices during the current year;

(d) what is the targetted production of cement for the current year; and

(e) what is the average annual demand of cement in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The total production of cement for the year ended 31st March, 1992 was 54.01 million M.T.

The total production of the private and public sector during this period was 48.82 million M.T. and 5.19 million M.T. respectively.

(c) A Statement is annexed.

[*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 53]

(d) The targetted production of cement during the current year is 60 million M.T.

(e) The average annual demand of cement in the country during the current year is expected to be around 60 million M.T.

Prompt payment of small industries bills

3169. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced suitable legislations to ensure prompt payment of small industries bills, as announced in the new policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises, in the Parliament on 6th August, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the prospective legislations in this regard proposed for near future?